

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A portable device comprising:
a body;
memory within the body containing software for executing on a host computing device;
an interface associated with the memory and adapted to facilitate interaction with the host computing device; and
the software adapted to automatically execute on the host computing device in association with a computing session and configure other software running on the host computing device ~~without requiring the host computer to boot~~, and, in association with termination of the computing session, instruct the host computing device to remove records pertaining to the computing session from the host computing device to enhance privacy associated with the computing session, said removed records including one or more of the group consisting of browsing histories, cookies, preferences, favorites, and bookmarks from one or more of the group consisting of system memory, cache, and disk drives.
2. (Previously Presented) The portable device of claim 1 wherein the software is further adapted to instruct the host computing device to detect instructions from a user indicating the termination of the computing session.
3. (Original) The portable device of claim 1 wherein the software is further adapted to instruct the host computing device to detect disassociation of the portable device from the host computing device to indicate termination of the computing session.
4. (Canceled).
5. (Original) The portable device of claim 1 wherein the software is further adapted to instruct the host computing device to automatically execute on the host computing device after the host computing device recognizes the presence of the portable device and instruct the host computing device to launch a program on the host computing device.

6. (Previously Presented) The portable device of claim 5 wherein the software is further adapted to instruct the host computing device to customize a user interface for the program for the computing session.
7. (Original) The portable device of claim 6 wherein the software is further adapted to provide an authentication routine to execute on the host computing device, the authentication routine including receiving authentication indicia from a user via an interface on the host computing device and determining if the authentication indicia received from the user matches authentication indicia stored in the memory.
8. (Previously Presented) The portable device of claim 1 wherein the software is further adapted to provide an authentication routine to execute on the host computing device, the authentication routine including receiving authentication indicia from a user via an interface on the host computing device and determining if the authentication indicia received from the user matches authentication indicia stored in the memory.
9. (Original) The portable device of claim 1 wherein the software is adapted to emulate a file system resident on a memory device on the host computing device when interacting with the host computing device.
10. (Original) The portable device of claim 1 wherein the software and data are adapted to appear as a file system to the host computing device.
11. (Original) The portable device of claim 1 wherein the interface is adapted to directly interface a port in the host computing device.
12. (Original) The portable device of claim 1 wherein the interface is adapted to provide a wireless interface with the host computing device.

13. (Original) The portable device of claim 1 wherein the software includes a plurality of keylets that are independently executable on the host computing device to provide at least one function.

14. (Currently Amended) A portable device comprising:

a body;

memory within the body containing software for executing on a host computing device;

an interface associated with the memory and adapted to facilitate interaction with the host computing device; and

the software adapted to automatically execute on the host computing device in association with a computing session and configure other software running on the host computing device ~~without requiring the host computer to boot~~, and store select information associated with the computing session in the memory instead of on the host computing device, wherein the host computing device would normally store the select information on the host computing device when the portable device is not present, and instruct the host computing device to delete one or more of the group consisting of browsing histories, cookies, preferences, favorites, and bookmarks upon completion of the computing session.

15. (Original) The portable device of claim 14 wherein the software is further adapted to instruct the host computing device to remove records pertaining to the computing session from the host computing device to enhance privacy associated with the computing session.

16. (Original) The portable device of claim 15 wherein the software is further adapted to instruct the host computing device to remove the records pertaining to the computing session from the host computing device, in association with termination of the computing session.

17. (Previously Presented) The portable device of claim 14 wherein the software is further adapted to instruct the host computing device to detect instructions from a user indicating the termination of the computing session.

18. (Original) The portable device of claim 14 wherein the software is further adapted to instruct the host computing device to detect disassociation of the portable device from the host computing device to indicate termination of the computing session.

19-26. (Canceled).

27. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

facilitating a computing session at a host computing device with a portable device associated with the host computing device, the portable device containing software capable of being executed on the host computing device and configure other software running on the host computing device ~~without requiring the host computer to boot~~; and

in association with termination of the computing session, executing the software to instruct the host computing device to remove records pertaining to the computing session from the host computing device to enhance privacy associated with the computing session, said removed records including one or more of the group consisting of browsing histories, cookies, preferences, favorites, and bookmarks upon completion of the computing session.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27 further comprising detecting instructions from a user indicating the termination of the computing session.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27 further comprising detecting disassociation of the portable device from the host computing device and determining the termination of the computing session upon detecting disassociation of the portable device from the host computing device.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27 further comprising:

- a) executing an authentication function based on the software;
- b) receiving authentication indicia from a user via an interface on the host computing device; and
- c) determining if the authentication indicia received from the user matches authentication indicia stored on the portable device.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 further comprising:

- a) executing the software on the host computing device;
- b) launching a program resident on the host computing device based on the software;
- c) accessing configuration information for the software stored on the portable device; and
- d) customizing a configuration of a program on the host computing device based on the configuration information.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27 further comprising:

- a) executing the software on the host computing device;
- b) launching a program resident on the host computing device based on the software;
- c) accessing configuration information for the software stored on the portable memory device; and
- d) customizing a configuration of a program on the host computing device based on the configuration information.